

NEGRO RURAL TEACHERS TO MEET FARMERS IN  
CONFERENCE AT LANE COLLEGE

*The features of the work of the Lane College*  
Negro Farmers Conference that promises to be full of interest this year is a conference of teachers and preachers. This conference will be held ~~Thursday~~ and Friday, February the 25th-26th. Such subjects as these will be discussed: "How can the teacher and preacher be mutually helpful in their work?" "What have I done during the past year to help the school and the church in my community?" Superintendent W. A. Malone and the County Board of Education have given a respite from their work after they have been shut up in room a few days, tighten to all teachers of the colored schools of the county so that they may attend this conference on Friday. These school officials know the importance of co-operation on the part of patrons and teachers, and all other agencies at work in a community, and are anxious to help in every way to make the schools more efficient in their work.

Potato growing was one of the subjects that was discussed last year at this conference. We clip the followed at once to keep out air. One finds himself against another wall in which another door is found. This door admits to the room where the potatoes are. Mr. Cathey

How One Man Saves His Sweet Potatoes. A Colored Scientist Who Does Not Know He is One

Near Jackson, Tennessee, there lives a colored man, named William Cathey, who has mastered the art of saving his potatoes after growing them. Before the Farmers' Conference at Lane College, he told his simple story and exhibited some of his potatoes, which looked as if they

The man was so modest and holted so in his story, that at first the audience did not really understand that description of the potato house. And it is further of interest they were listening to a man who had been growing potato for 24 years; who, until recently since he bought a new farm, would not even let a cotton stalk grow on his land; and who has not lost any of his potatoes.

Mr. T. M. Campbell, the Colored Farmers' Demonstration Agent in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture, and who was present at the meeting, not only questioned Mr. Cathey until he had him tell his whole story with emphasis, but went out to his farm, examined his potato houses and made another special report to the Conference the next day on what he had seen and on the other farm products that this farmer was preserving.

Interest in Mr. Cathey's story centered in the fact that thousands of dollars' worth of potatoes are lost by rotting every year. Summarized, his directions for saving potatoes were as follows:

1. Don't skin or bruise the potatoes you mean to keep. Handle them as carefully as you would eggs.
2. Let the sun dry them before storing.
3. Pack large ones carefully in a box.
4. Leave all strings on the potatoes.
5. Don't try to store the little ones—leave them for eating purposes.
6. Store potatoes in a room.
7. Ventilate potato house from the top.
8. Don't let south wind strike the potatoes.
9. Keep mice and rats out of house.
10. If potatoes have bad odor after they have been shut up in room a few days, tighten the room more instead of letting in more air.

Mr. Cathey's potatoes are not covered, but are piled loose on the floor. The walls of the house are latticed, that is, lattice work is placed against the main walls so that air can circulate at the sides of the potatoes.

There are two doors to the potato house. The first or outer one admits to an inner room. This door is closed at once to keep out air. One finds himself against another wall in which another door is found. This door admits to the room where the potatoes are. Mr. Cathey says that if care is used to keep these doors closed, little air enters from the sides of the building.

He seems to have mastered the art of preserving vegetables, for he presented to the conference, a number of onions, turnips, white and sweet potatoes which were remarkably fresh and well preserved.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Cathey's method is had just been taken from the ground, instead of out of a almost similiar to one described in the Fourteenth Biennial Report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture (p.

264), for storing sweet potatoes. Particularly the description of the potato house. And it is further of interest they were listening to a man who had been growing potato for 24 years; who, until recently since he bought a new farm, would not even let a cotton stalk grow on his

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, July 29.—The Farmers Congress suspended its night session in order to be present at the musical recital by Miss Eddie L. Blackshear, graduate of Prairie View college, former head of department of music at this institution and now one of the teachers of music at Bishop college, Marshall, Texas. The congress was addressed at its Thursday morning session by Hon. Clarence Ousley, director of extension work in Texas. He said, among other things, that the success of the work among the colored people between now and next July would largely determine what would be done in future for extension work among negroes in this State. There was a large audience who listened to Mr. Ousley and his remarks were indeed encouraging and received hearty applause. Another interesting phase of the morning session was the talks and exhibits given by several of the leading colored farmers in attendance. A. B. Marshall of Brazoria county was introduced and said that he had also brought greetings from his county judge, Hon. A. R. Rucks, who was interested in the welfare of the negro farmers of the State and is anxious to colonize 100 more colored families in that county. Mr. Marshall exhibited quite a variety of peas, beans, peanuts, etc., which he had grown as well as samples of different species of corn. Among the different crops which he had grown during this year were Japanese cane, planted April 23; Chinese velvet bean, planted April 12; the Virginia bunch and small Spanish peanuts, planted April 12; Chinese red pea, planted May 1, matured and harvested with another crop under cultivation; Mexican June corn, planted May 18.

PLEASED WITH  
WORK AT PRAIRIE VIEW.

During the course of his talk Mr. Marshall said that the good white people of his community had assisted him on his expense to the Farmers Congress and that County Judge Rucks expressed himself as well pleased with the excellent work which the Prairie View school had done under the administration of its present principal, S. J. Haller, also of Brazoria county, was introduced and exhibited specimens of Missouri white pearl corn, planted May 21; Oklahoma White Wonder corn, planted May 26; Mexican June corn, planted June 1; Kentucky Wonder bean, planted May 26; Kentucky white burley tobacco, planted May 26. E. L. Jackson of Austin county also exhibited specimens of small gourd seed corn, planted April 23; yellow dent corn, planted April 26. All these exhibits were very fine and attracted the admiration of the whole congress.

Surry Smith Sr., vice president of the congress and who is an excellent farmer of Burleson county, told of how he managed to grow practically everything he needed. Prof. R. H. Hines of Waco, a graduate of the school and one of the leading colored teachers of the State, spoke to the congress. Jake Ford of Wharton an alumnus of the school, is a man who has made marked success along agricultural lines and especially in raising Soudan grass alfalfa. He is one of the leading blacksmiths of his county and his land holdings are considerable.

Among those who have come in recently are Josephine Davis, Lettia Preston, Adeline Nathaniel, Annie Williams, Amanda Hardly, Emma Taylor, E. Samples, Georgia Linton, Sallie Holland, Emma Taylor, Emma Hardaway, Narcissa Belton, Virginia Dupree, Bettie Turney, Bettie Smith, S. S. Kemp, Ella Clark, Lillian Moseley, Mellie Meardy, Arline Moseley, Susana Goodin, C. A. Fedford, H. Montgomery, Waller county; R. H. Hines, McClelland; E. Flewellen, Waller county; I. D. Dupree, Falls; R. L. Stinnett, Gravson; L. C. Kirvin, Freestone; J. H.

EXHIBITS OF WORK  
BY NEGRO FARMERS  
Houston, Tex.

POST  
Interesting programs at Congress  
at Prairie View.

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Many Illustrations of Practical Accomplishments in Farm Home and School Were Presented.

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Williams, Waller; Lewis Rutledge, Waller; A. B. Blake, Brazos; J. R. Sadberry, her home. She has proved to be exceptionally successful in the work of raising fruits and vegetables and is a cook and housekeeper of unusual ability. Austin; Leonard Jordan, Waller; Sandy Kendall, Johnson; R. S. Sewell, Johnson; Will Thomas, Waller; W. L. Alton, Fort Bend.

#### PRAIRIE VIEW NORMAL NEAR CLOSE.

The Prairie View summer school, which is comprised of 470 attendants, a majority of whom are teachers already engaged in colored schools of the cities and counties of the State and who are here for further improvement as a means of fitting themselves for greater usefulness in the negro communities, is drawing to a close. Mrs. B. T. Foster of Limestone county is supervisor of the colored schools of the county under the Jeanes' fund, and devotes her time to the introduction and improvement of the industrial work in various colored schools of the county. Through her influence a considerable tract of land will be devoted next year to school gardening and farming in connection with one of their larger rural schools. Mrs. Foster is a graduate of Prairie View school and is a teacher of a number of years of successful experience. Mrs. Kay of Harrisburg, Harris county, is regarded as one of the best female teachers among the negroes of the State. Her successful work led the board of directors to make an addition costing \$5000 to her school at Harrisburg, which is fitted up with modern improvement for teaching domestic science and manual training. M. A. Traynor of Kerens, Navarro county, has the best school garden of any of the colored teachers of the county and his garden is enrolled in the Dallas school garden contest, and he is confident of taking one of the prizes. The inspectors of the contest have already visited his school several times and have spoken very favorably of it.

#### TEACHING CANNING IN NEGRO SCHOOLS.

J. C. Frasier of Farrsville, Newton county, ranks as one of the most progressive negro teachers of East Texas, and is in very high esteem by people of both races of that section. He has already introduced canning successfully into his school. Great interest has been manifested during the summer session in canning and quite a number have been studying canning in connection with the operation of school training plants where the canning of vegetables for use in the mess hall next session is still in progress. The school cannery is proving to be a benefit to the surrounding neighborhood as well as to the school, and both white and colored neighbors are bringing in vegetables to be canned in the Prairie View school cannery. Lula B. Young, county, E. L. Blackshear was unanimously re-elected as president of the State school of which she is principal; and she is probably the youngest teacher in a body visited the cannery plant which is still in operation and which will have personal observation and inspection of the work that is being done in the various departments by Principal E. L. Blackshear and his able faculty we can but feel proud of him and grateful to the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college for providing us with such efficient and self-sacrificing public servants.

## NEGROES THANKFUL FOR AID TO SCHOOL Houston, Tex.

#### Passed strong resolutions Prairie View Congress.

#### President's Annual Address Delivered to Negro Farmers at Third Day's Session of Annual Meeting.

JULY 1913

(Houston Post Special)

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, July 30.—The third day's session of the Texas Colored State Farmers Congress opened Friday morning. At this meeting the president delivered his annual address to the farmers, in which he urged that they learn with the improved methods of farming and that to the State.

more attention be given to correct management of their homes and rearing their children. He urged the young men to stand for strict morality and pleaded with the fathers for a strong development of character in their sons and daughters. Prof. C. H. Waller, head of the agricultural department, gave a very instructive lecture on scientific farming. He named three ways of obtaining information on farming, namely, by observation, investigation. He urged that the colored farmers should learn farming in a scientific way. R. L. Smith, president of the Farmers Improvement society of Texas, presented Mr. Johnson, a delegate from Huntsville, who exhibited a minia-ture bust of Professor Blackshear which he had carved. Mr. Johnson is an un-educated man, but seems to have a special talent for artistic work of this kind. The statue was presented to Professor Blackshear by W. H. Hightower.

#### B. L. BLACKSHEAR RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

On motion of W. H. Wilson of Brazoria county, E. L. Blackshear was unanimously re-elected as president of the State Negro Farmers Congress. The congress, of which she is principal; and she is probably the youngest teacher in a body visited the cannery plant which is still in operation and which will have personal observation and inspection of the work that is being done in the various departments by Principal E. L. Blackshear and his able faculty we can but feel proud of him and grateful to the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college for providing us with such efficient and self-sacrificing public servants.

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and the outlook for great practical results is encouraging indeed.

#### CONGRESS PASSED STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, The thirty-fourth legislature passed and Governor James E. Ferguson approved the large appropriation, amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars, for the maintenance of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial college for the next two years;

Whereas, This is the largest governmental appropriation ever made for a negro State institution by any State in the Union, be it

Resolved That we the members of the Texas Negro Farmers' congress, do hereby express our gratitude to the members of the thirty-fourth legislature and to the governor of Texas, Hon. James E. Ferguson, for this act in behalf of negro education at Prairie View.

Resolved, further, That in view of Governor Ferguson's successful advocacy of the million-dollar rural school bill and for the compulsory education bill we recognize in him the greatest political force for the advancement of education which Texas or the South has produced, and

Resolved, further, That we urge upon our people everywhere to take the best to the graduating class by Hon. E. H. Astin of Bryan, Texas, chairman of the Prairie View committee of the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

W. H. Wilson,  
D. Porter.

RESOLUTION OF  
THANKS TO WHITE PEOPLE.

The meeting at which this second resolution was adopted was presided over by Prof. D. Porter of Brenham, who is also president of the Brenham Industrial college.

Whereas, the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial college, established by the constitution of Texas and maintained by the legislature, is an indispensable institution for the development of the negro boy and girl, and is a nucleus for information as it is being operated in behalf of half of the colored citizenship of this great State.

We, the colored farmers of Texas, here

by express our gratitude to the good

white people of this State for providing

an institution of such unmeasurable benefit to the race that must have their support and without which would dwindle to insignificance. We recognize the fact that

this institution is putting an industrial life into our people that guarantees a better citizenship. We appreciate the

spirit of loyalty and faithful service that

is being taught the negro youth and the

further fact that this spirit is being in-

jected into the home life of our people,

resulting in better sanitary conditions,

neater homes and improved farms. By

personal observation and inspection of

the work that is being done in the various

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by Rev. J. A. Hamlett, the editor of

directors that they may see fit to retain Prof. Blackshear as principal and his able faculty in order that they may continue the work which they have so well outlined. Be it further,

Resolved, that we feel grateful and endorse the action of the board for providing this institution with Prof. C. H. Waller, teacher of agriculture. We acknowledge that his service is an inspiration to our farm life.

#### INFLUENCE OF SCHOOL WIDESPREAD.

The influence of the Prairie View school has undoubtedly been the main factor in the introduction of industrial training along different practical lines into the public school schools both rural and urban of the State of Texas, and this great ideal of practical usefulness is being implanted more and more strongly by the institution in the hearts and minds of the negro people of Texas. The closing exercises of the summer session takes place tomorrow at 7:30 p. m., at which time the commencement address will be delivered by Prof. R. L. Smith, president of the Farmers' Improvement society, which is unquestionably the greatest agricultural negro organization in the United States. The diplomas will be awarded

possible advantage of educational opportunities which improvements now going on in the educational system of Texas will afford to them to the end that the children of the negro race may be better prepared for usefulness and fully imbued with the spirit and desire to be of service to the State.

W. H. Wilson,  
D. Porter.

#### FARMERS' CONFERENCE A

#### GREAT SUCCESS

*The Christian*  
Big Attendance of Farmers and Re-  
~~Business~~ At Lane Col-  
lege

The Negro Farmers' Conference that was held last week at Lane College was declared to be the most successful session of that splendid organization. It was very largely attended, there being more than three hundred and fifty farmers besides their wives and children in attendance. President J. F. Lane expressed satisfaction in the work accomplished and stated that the conference is now reaching a very large number of people throughout this section of the country and helping them in a very effective way.

The interest in the work of the teacher-preacher-farmers meeting ran

high as the talks were made by various ones on the subjects of "How my teacher can help me in my church

"How my preacher can help me in my school work," and "How my teacher can help me in my church operation on the part of the teacher, therefore, be it

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the Christian Index of this city.

Bishop N. C. Cleaves made a strong address urging the farmers to practice rigid economy, honesty, industry and frugality. He admonished the people to use wisely their time and money. With much feeling, he observed that entirely too many members of the race and most especially young men of the race are charged each year with crime. He made a strong appeal for the people to frown down upon wrong doings of every kind and lawlessness wherever it is found. Bootlegging was denounced in a most vigorous way, the Bishop declaring that the use of whiskey had done more harm and injury to the human family than can be estimated in terms of dollars and cents. He warned the people against throwing away their hard-earned money by buying cheap jewelry, trashy books, cheap musical instruments and buying in general on the installment plan. He advised them to adopt the rule of doing without rather than give mortgage on their holdings. "Unless we live within our means" he declared, "our future will indeed be dark."

Mr. T. M. Campbell, Farm Demonstrating Agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. S. A. Roberts, Director of the State Experiment Station; Mr. Hawk and Messrs. Hall as well as President Lane made helpful addresses, urging diversification of crops. Dr. S. W. Broome of the College Faculty also made a brilliant address.

The Conference adjourned Friday night with a splendid address delivered by Dr. Sutton E. Griggs of Memphis.

# Colored Farmers Hold Fine Meeting

Topeka Industrial Institute Was Scene of a Highly Instructive Gathering.

Meeting of executive committee  
NEGRO FARMERS MAKE GOOD and trustees.

2:00 P. M.

Getting Hold of Kansas Soil—Remarkable Showing at Farmers' Conference.

Much has been said about the Negroes throughout the country leaving the farms and flocking to the city. While this may be true in some states, Kansas is indeed an exception. During the Farmers' Conference held at the Industrial and Educational Institute, east of the city, it was developed that the Negroes of Kansas owned 1,532 farms. The total acreage of these farms being 135,000 and valued at \$8,452,975, the lands themselves being valued at \$6,468,294; value of buildings, \$949,020; implements and machinery, \$190,513; live stock, \$945,148.

There has been a net increase of 125 per cent in the holdings of the colored farmers during the past ten years. The exodus of pioneer Negro farmers to the state of Kansas, the sacrifices, the struggles, the holding on and final victory is an inspiration not only to the Negro youth, but to the youth of both races. During the conference gray-headed men told how they came to Kansas penniless, and today several of them have holdings ranging from \$60,000 to \$75,000. Every speaker made an earnest appeal to the youth of the race to stick to the soil. A movement has been inaugurated for the establishment of corn clubs, canning clubs and pig clubs, to operate under the direction of the Farmers' Conference.

The two days of the conference proved helpful to everyone in attendance. The following program was rendered:

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

Prayer—Rev. F. J. Peck, D. D. Reports of vice presidents. Appointment of committees.

"The Rotations of Crops"—Ed Harvey, Eudora; Wm. Smith, Laredo; Prior Dickey, Oak Mills; W. H. McAlister, Frankfort; A. Alexander, Nicodemus.

"Poultry Raising"—Dave Lane, Topeka; O. W. Redding, Independence; Mrs. R. P. Brown, Morris; Riley Potter, Blaine.

"Growing Potatoes on Clay Soil"—Prof. P. L. Jacobs, Western University, Quindaro.

"The Water on the Farm"—Prof. M. W. Freeman, Industrial Institute.

"Sticking to a Western Kansas Claim"—Miss Georgia Walker, Huddes, Kan.

Question box.

7:30 P. M.

Music—Industrial Institute students.

Prayer—Rev. G. W. Henry.

"The Need of Closer Co-operation"—J. C. Groves, Edwardsville.

"Relation of the Business League to the Farmer"—J. M. Wright, Topeka, vice president of National Negro Business League.

Address—Prof. George R. Bridgeforth, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

"Development of an Idea"—Prof. J. W. Damel, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

Question box.

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Prayer—Rev. G. W. Walker.

History of the Association—Arthur Emery, secretary, Lawrence.

"Intensive Farming"—Jason Smith, Topeka; J. R. Rogers, Princeton; James Suggs, Grantville.

Swine Symposium—Henry Chanian, Potter; James Scott, Topeka.

"Growing 115 Bushels of Corn to the Acre"—N. C. Bruce, Bartlett Agricultural School, Dalton, Mo.

"Care of the Feet of Live Stock"—J. H. Wilson, Ottawa.

"Vaccination of Hogs"—Prof. R. E. Malone, Industrial Institute.

"Making Dairying Pay"—T. P. Mallory, Eskridge; Perry Oden, Topeka; Perry Johnson, Auburn.

"How I Have Succeeded Since I Left the Electric Lights"—James Wallace, Eskridge.

"Sudan Grass and Other Dry Weather Crops"—B. F. Pulley, Laredo; T. W. Ganaway, Pratt.

"Two Apples to the Quart"—Mrs. W. G. Anderson, Baldwin.

Address—Governor Arthur Capper.

Question box.

7:30 P. M.

Music—Industrial Institute students.

Prayer—Rev. McK. Miller.

"Raising and Marketing Mules"—Robert Woods, Strong City.

"The Getting Together of Farmers' Wives"—Mrs. M. Bolin, Oakland.

"Holding the Young People to the Farm"—W. L. Sayers, county attorney, Graham county.

Address—Prof. Geo. R. Bridgeforth, director of agriculture, Tuskegee Institute.

"How the Meeting Has Helped Me"—Led by J. C. Carson, Sibleyville.

Reports of committees.

Awarding of premiums.

A special program was arranged for the women. Mrs. M. G. Bolin had charge of the women's session. Among the many subjects discussed were: "Making Home Life More Attractive," "Rural Club Work," "Home Canning," "New Plans for Next Year."

## POULTRY SHOW.

The poultry show was a very decided success. More than 125 birds from different parts of the state were exhibited. The following awards were made:

Canned Pears—Mrs. Geo. Walker, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Jas. Scott, 2nd prize, 25c.

Canned Plums—Mrs. E. Vance, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. H. Colwell, 2nd prize, 25c.

Canned Peaches—Mrs. J. N. Fisher, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. H. Col-

Needlework—Mrs. Wilson, 1st prize, 50c.

Silk Quilt—Mrs. P. Phillips, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Ed Sizemore, 2nd prize, 25c.

Cotton Quilt—Mrs. Henry Buchanan, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. P. Phillips, 2nd prize, 25c.

Butter—Mrs. James Scott, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. M. G. Bolin, 2nd prize, 25c.

Fresh Fruits—Mr. George Walker, 1st prize, \$1.00.

Pumpkin—M. Bolin, 1st prize, 50c; N. Chiles, 2nd prize, 25c.

Yellow Jersey—M. Bolin, 1st prize, 50c; D. Chiles, 2nd prize, 25c.

Southern Queen—D. Chiles, 1st prize, 50c; E. Spottsville, 2nd prize, 25c.

Potatoes—Mrs. J. R. Rogers, 1st prize, 50c; N. Chiles, 2nd prize, 25c.

White Beans—Mr. Hayden, 1st prize, 50c.

Dozen Eggs—James Scott, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Bolin, 2nd prize, 25c.

Wheat—Eugene Bell, 1st prize, \$1.00; John Fleming, 2nd prize, 50c; L. Buchanan, 3rd prize, 25c.

Milo—Rev. S. M. Lee, 1st prize, 50c.

Preserved Apples and Quinces—Mrs. Jas. Scott, honorable mention.

Apple Jelly—Mrs. S. Mims, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. Ed Vance, 2nd prize, 25c; honorable mention, Mrs. Syl Morrow, Mrs. J. N. Fisher.

White Dent Corn—Foster Chiles, 1st prize, \$2.00; Miss Anna Bell Ross, 2nd prize, \$1.00.

Yellow Dent—Foster Chiles, 1st prize, 2nd prizes, \$2.00, \$1.00.

Rhode Island Red—Mrs. F. Vance, 2nd prize, 50c.

White Leghorn—James Scott, 1st prize, \$1.00.

White Chinese Geese—Mrs. F. Vance, 1st prize, \$1.00.

Plymouth Rock—David Lane, 1st prize, \$1.00; G. Jamison, 2nd prize, 50c.

Black Spanish—David Lane, 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, 2nd prize, 25c.

Rouen Ducks—Mrs. P. Phillips, 1st prize, 50c.

Indian Runner—Mrs. F. Vance, 1st prize, \$1.00.

Honorable mention to the following:

Canned Cherries—Mrs. Ed Vance, Yellow corn, R. C. Cunningham; 1st prize, 50c; Mrs. F. E. Barber, preserved fruit, Geo Walker; white corn, Mr. Robinson; turnips, A. Emery, secretary, Lawrence.

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Needlework—Mrs. Wilson, 1st prize, 50c.

Sausage meat, Mrs. J. R. Sayers; sausage meat, Mrs. J. R.



Conferences Farmers' - 1915

# SAINT PAUL'S CONFERENCE

Wonderful Progress Among Colored Farmers of Brunswick County

## 1000 ACRES OF LAND ADDED

Auditor's Report Shows That Race Now Owns Fraction Less Than 60,000 Acres In County

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Lawrenceville, Va., August 10—

The eleventh annual session of the St. Paul Farmers' Conference held here at the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School was full of interest and variety. The conference raised and the acreage in corn is an organization of 6000 Negro practically doubled. As the money farmers and workers organized crops, tobacco, cotton and peanuts and fostered by the school for the still hold first place, but more farmers are getting away from the purpose of social, material, moral and religious uplift. Through the strictly money crops and are diversifying the great sifing their farming work of the school is maintaining the helpful relations between the races, masterly review of the year's securing better school facilities, improvement in land buying, home improving farm methods, elevation of provement, education, moral, religious and encouraging theit andious and social improvement. The increasing self-respect carried address showed that the Negroes of into every nook of the county the county according to the auditor's with the result that Negroes in report owned a fraction less than Brunswick county are among the 60,000 acres of land and that their best behaved, most thrifty, law-abiding and industrious in the state.

The conference gives attention to such practical and helpful things as better methods of farming, better homes, increasing the length of the school term by local self-taxation, buying land and maintaining help-Farming.' Mr. D. D. Sizer, the white Farm Demonstrator for the The county is divided into con-ference committees corresponding to effective address on "Living at the schools and representatives Home." Both of these addresses from these are asked to report upon were eminently practical and went community conditions. There are right to the meat of the question. fourteen questions asked embracing The night session was devoted to a such subjects as the school, the conference on community conditions home neighborhood, morals, amountembracing better housing, better

yards, beautifying the yard, better churches. The round table gave opportunity for farmers to tell how they grew their various crops and prepared the soil.

The woman's conference which took place on the second day was well attended. Friday closed the conference. The woman's conference of acreage, soil improvement, giving of crop liens, growing corn, raising hogs, chickens, stock, production of milk, butter etc.

The questions are a most interesting phase of the conference's work as they reflect the real life and purpose of community activities. The replies are illuminating and interesting, showing that 35 new houses had been built at a cost of from \$400 to \$1,200 and others remodeled, repaired and painted. Over 1000 acres of land purchased since the last conference, 2 new school houses built by cooperative effort, \$500 raised to extend the school term one month, \$1,600 raised by subscription or paid in cash for prospective new schools or for various school

improvements such as new desks, industrial material, etc., In the matter of food supplies for themselves and stock, more hogs being raised and the acreage in corn

practically doubled. As the money farmers and workers organized crops, tobacco, cotton and peanuts and fostered by the school for the still hold first place, but more farmers are getting away from the purpose of social, material, moral and religious uplift. Through the strictly money crops and are diversifying their farming work of the school is maintaining the helpful relations between the races, masterly review of the year's securing better school facilities, improvement in land buying, home improving farm methods, elevation of provement, education, moral, religious and encouraging their andious and social improvement. The increasing self-respect carried address showed that the Negroes of into every nook of the county the county according to the auditor's with the result that Negroes in report owned a fraction less than Brunswick county are among the 60,000 acres of land and that their best behaved, most thrifty, law-abiding and industrious in the state.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, United States Government Farm Demonstration Service, delivered a very helpful and instructive address on "Diversified Farming." Mr. D. D. Sizer, the white Farm Demonstrator for the The county is divided into con-ference committees corresponding to effective address on "Living at the schools and representatives Home." Both of these addresses from these are asked to report upon were eminently practical and went community conditions. There are right to the meat of the question. fourteen questions asked embracing The night session was devoted to a such subjects as the school, the conference on community conditions home neighborhood, morals, amountembracing better housing, better

## FARMERS' CONFERENCE AT RICEVILLE, TENNESSEE

The Fifth Annual Farmers' Convention and Industrial Fair for Negro Farmers was held at the Wallace Grammar School in Riceville, Tennessee, Saturday, March 13, 1915. The President of the Convention, W. P. Ware, principal of the school presided.

Farmers from eight counties were present with their families. An exhibition of the industrial work from McMinn County Colored School consisted of sewing, basketry, and excellent embroidery. The Riceville school exhibited cooking, millinery and sewing in addition to chickens pigs, potatoes, etc.

Prizes were awarded for the best chickens, corn, potatoes, and cake. About six hundred people were present during the day.

Prof. D. M. Anderson, S. R. Extension Agent, spoke on corn. Asst. Com. J. A. Dinwiddie, discussed poultry, demonstrating with the live bird. Prof. J. L. White, Professor of Agronomy at the A. and I. State Normal at Nashville, gave tests for determining the kinds of soil.

Dr. W. M. Young, of Nashville, Industrial Education.

Mr. S. S. Smith, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, "Relation of the School to the Farm."

Superintendent Zeigler, of McMinn County, spoke along educational lines.

President Hale, of Nashville, made the closing address. It was the largest meeting the Convention has ever had.

The 100 White Leghorn eggs were won by Mrs. W. P. Ware, Riceville, for the best coop of chickens, they were

thrilled and inspired the crowds with eloquent and impressive addresses, that left a lasting impression and will have telling effect upon the community for years to come.

Mr. Henry Hall, president and Rev. D. W. Baker, one of the leading spirits of the conference.

Buff Opingtons. Homer Wood, of

Sanford, won the prize for the best pig.

Mr. Lenoir, of Mt. Harmony, prize for lock, of Riceville, best hand pieced quilt.

Mrs. Annie Elder, of Riceville, best cake. Young Upton, of Hota, best

ten ears of corn raised by boy.

There were between six and seven hundred people on the grounds during the day.

BRUNSWICK CO., VA.,  
NEGROES OWN \$600,000

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Lawrenceville, Va.—The eleventh annual session of the St. Paul Farmers' Conference at the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School was full of

Mothers, farmers' and daughters of the county which meets with the conference, giving attention to matters of the home, the garden, vegetables, sanitation and making farm life conditions more tolerable. Their work through the var-

ious mothers' club of the country has done much to improve the status of women and elevate the sanctity of the home.

#### HOW BEST TO MEET HARD TIMES.

Will Be Discussed By Speakers at Lane Col-

lege.

*The Christian*

At Lane College, there are held during

each year three meetings of unusual im-

portance: viz., a Ministerial Institute dur-

ing the month of June, a Teachers Insti-

tute during the month of July and a Farm-

ers' Conference during the month of Feb-

ruary. As a school of the people doing

work for their uplift, Lane College seeks to

promote through these meetings the ad-

vancement of the Negro along all lines.

Judging from the attendance, interest and

results, the College has been highly suc-

cessful in all her work.

As the time for holding of the Farmers'

Conference approaches, unusual interest is

being manifested in it.

President J. F. Lane, the promoter and

moving spirit of these meetings, is planning

for a most profitable session of the Farm-

ers' meeting on the 25th and 26th of this

month, and in all of his plans he is meeting

with pronounced success.

On Thursday the conference will discuss

"The best ways by which to meet hard

times" by (1) practicing economy in use

of (a) time, (b), money, (c) supplies etc.,

and (2) growing food stuff for (a) own

tables (b) market. "Is the one-crop

method of farming the best" will also be

developed in the discussion of the above

mentioned subject. At night a great Mass

Meeting will be held in the College Chapel

at which time "What Can Be Done to Im-

prove the Economic Condition of the Ne-

gro" will be discussed.

Perhaps the greatest interest is now be-

ing centered on the conference of teachers,

preachers and farmers on Friday. The

first thirty minutes will be used by the

teachers in telling how the teachers can

help them in their church work, while the

achers will take the remainder of the hour

telling how the minister can help them

in their educational work. Bishop Nelson

C. Cleaves, D. D., a close student of the

social and economic problem has been asked

to speak at this time on the importance of

both teachers and preachers co-operating in

their work among the people.

On Friday at noon, the women of Jack-

motion of the welfare of the Negroes

as heretofore will serve a dinner, and

at three o'clock, they will render their an-

nual program. The Conference will close

Friday night with a great mass meeting.

## Teachers and Farmers Hold Grand Rally At Pulaski Saturday.

Pulaski, March 22.—(Special to the *Enquirer*)—Saturday was a red letter *Teachers and Farmers* day. The teachers and farmers assembled in joint session in the county court room with a packed audience. A reception committee consisting of Professors T. Bridgeforth, president; H. H. Thompson, secretary, and T. P. Turner in an auto met President of the State Agricultural and Industrial Normal, W. J. Hale, and Prof. J. L. White, demonstrator of Agricultural Improvement Methods, at the L. and N. depot at 11 a. m. and conducted them to the Giles County court house, where the following program was carried out: Assembly called to order and introductory remarks by the president; hymn, "Whiter than snow," led by Mrs. M. A. Bridgeforth; prayer, Rev. D. Howard, pastor Beulah Baptist Church; music, Broad View School Glee Club; address, Teachers' Welcome, Prof. H. H. Thompson; music, Pulaski High School Glee Club; ladies accord welcome, Prof. A. M. Gilbert (substitute); music, Broad View School Glee Club; "Farmers Bid You Welcome," Prof. B. H. Morrell; music, Broad View Gle Club; "Our LANE COLLEGE NEGRO FARMERS

State Normal and What It Stands For," President W. J. Hale; "Soil Improvement," illustrated by actual test, Prof. J. L. White; comments by County Superintendent Prof. B. H. Gaultney.

At the conclusion of the program a series of resolutions were submitted by Profs. H. H. Thompson and J. T. Bridgeforth and read and adopted without a dissenting voice and reads thus:

First—Resolved, That the unfeigned thanks and highest appreciation of the services rendered the teachers and farmers of Giles County of this joint session is due, hereby expressed and tendered Profs. Hale and White, with the assurance that the same become a part of our course of instruction and future action as far as conditions will allow.

Second—Resolved, That the undying gratitude of the Teacher-Farmers' Association of Giles County is hereby due and tendered Senator N. H. White, Representative J. W. Flory and their colleagues for the noble stand taken and efforts being put on street car line to accommodate the student body, faculty of the State A. and I. Normal and colored citizens of West Nashville, and for the interest exerted by them in the pro-

Diseases among cattle, their treatment and cure, a market for the crops and crops for the market, conservation of health among Negroes, how the churches and schools may be made more efficient in their work are subjects that will be discussed in an interesting and thorough manner.

## KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

Appoints Delegates To Negro Farmers' Congress at San Francisco.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.

Frankfort, Ky., July 29.—Delegates to the Negro Farmers' and Rural District Congress, to be held in San Francisco, August 26 to 29, were appointed to-day by Governor McCreary. They follow

Solomon Dean, R. C. Ward, R. W. James, J. S. Estill, M. S. Hinton, Spence Jackson, Willie Green, George C. Wakefield all of Frankfort; E. L. Pool, Edmonton W. D. Wall, Spring Station; Innis Colman, Nicholasville; Charles Blythe, Berea; A. L. Bridwell, Greendale; Richard Way, Lebanon; W. B. Wood, Somersville; S. E. Dean, Cloverport; Joe Ray, Bloorfield; G. W. Samples, Shelbyville; Frank Phelps, Foxtown; Fred C.oun, Silver Creek; Perry Blythe, G. Miller, Robert White, Richmond; C. Harris, Paytown; W. H. Robinson, French Thompson, Paris; B. J. Quarles, Peter Postell, J. P. Whitney, Hopkin Rev. D. Howard, pastor Beulah Baptist Church; music, Broad View School Glee Club; address, Teachers' Welcome, Prof. H. H. Thompson; music, Pulaski High School Glee Club; ladies accord welcome, Prof. A. M. Gilbert (substitute); music, Broad View School Glee Club; "Farmers Bid You Welcome," Prof. B. H. Morrell; music, Broad View Gle Club; "Our LANE COLLEGE NEGRO FARMERS

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As heretofore, the Government will

send experts to address the Conference and seed for free distribution.

The new feature of the conference work this year is a session for religious and educational workers. This grows out of an earnest desire on the part of the church and listened eagerly to his sermons. We wish him much success in his new field, and the invitation extended him to visit Smyrna whenever convenient for him to do so.

**Big Crowd Attends Farmers' Conference.**

Riverside, March 14th.—The Negro Farmers' Conference of McMinn County had its annual session at Wallace Grammar School, Riceville, Tenn., on March 13, 1915. An attendance of more than 600 men, women and children attended the meeting. Many addresses were delivered during the day, among which were those delivered by Mr. J. A. Denwiddie, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture of East Tennessee; Mr. B. M. Anderson, Southern Railway Agricultural Field Agent; Prof. W. J. Hale, President Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School of Nashville, Tenn.; Prof. Zeigler, County Superintendent McMinn County; Prof. Smith, Supervisor of Negroes Fund State of Tennessee; Prof. J. L. White and Dr. W. H. Young, both of the State Normal, Nashville.

A large number of farm and home products were on exhibit and prizes awarded the persons having the best productions. Much credit is due Prof. W. P. Ware, Principal of Wallace Grammar School and President of the Farmers' Association, and also Miss D. Vivian Gilmore, Jeanes Supervisor, McMinn County (as well as others) for the success of the meeting.

**FARMERS MEET AT DINWIDDIE**

**Annual Gathering Shows Progress In Land Buying and Farm And Home Improvement**

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Dinwiddie, Va., November 3—

The Dinwiddie Farmers' Conference was held at the D. A. and I. School October 28 and was largely attended.

The conference was conducted by Professor T. C. Erwin, the president. Professor W. E. Woodyard, principal of Dinwiddie Institute, threw open the doors of the School and made all of the farmers feel at

home. Among those who made addresses were: Miss L. A. Jenkins, Mrs. Evans, the Industrial Supervisor of Dinwiddie County; Mr. Croucher, head of the Agricultural Department of Hampton Institute; Mr. J. B. Pierce, District Demonstrator for North Carolina and Virginia.

The result of this organization so far is encouraging. Since the first meeting many young farmers have purchased land and built houses, bought horses, cattle, buggies and carriages. Schools have been built and terms lengthened. It was noted that every farmer at the Conference drove and owned his horse and buggy. Some came in carriages. All the teams and vehicles were first class, not a tacky one was seen on the campus.

The officers elected were Professor T. C. Erwin, president; Professor W. E. Woodyard, vice president; Mr. R. C. Evans, secretary and Mr. R. D. Ridley, treasurer.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 2.—The Mississippi Rural Conference of Negroes adjourned last night, after a session of three days, during which time a number of speakers of the colored race from many parts of the State discussed problems peculiar to educational schools of country districts.

The meetings were held in the daytime in the house of representatives in the State Capitol, and at nights in a negro church.

So much enthusiasm was manifested in the conference that another one probably will be held next year. The conference was arranged by J. M. Williamson, president of the Industrial-Agricultural College, colored, of Shelby, Miss.

A large number of the more representative colored men of the State came here from all sections of Mississippi to take part in the deliberations of the convention.

The officers elected by the conference are as follows: President, J. M. Williamson, of Shelby; vice president, J. Rowan, of Alcorn College; secretary, W. H. Braxton, of Bolivar; treasurer, C. B. Minor, of Vicksburg.

An executive committee, with E. T. Johnson, of Port Gibson, as chairman, was appointed. Johnson is a splendid example of a progressive farmer. He arms along intelligent lines and is thought of by all classes in his community.

24 February 1915  
CO-OPERATION IS URGED  
IN NEGROES' EDUCATION

DELEGATES NAMED.

Governor Appoints Kentucky Representatives to Congress of Negro Farmers and Teachers.

C. M. Thomas of This City Talks to Farmers' Alliance of Northern Virginia.

Active co-operation with state and national federal authorities as regards education was urged upon the Farmers' son, Willie Green and George Wakefield, Frankfort; Dan Phelps and Frank San Francisco, August 26 to 29: School and Agricultural College for Negroes. One of the features of the session was a parade starting at the college building and passing over the streets of Shelby.

The subject chosen by Mr. Thomas, who is also one of the staff of the Washington Normal School for Colored Washington, Bardstown; Robert Ayers, Farmington; Walter Robinson, Peter Postell and J. T. Whitney, Hopkinsville; W. L. Bowden; the colored normal school here, for those of its students who are preparing for work among the 116,558 negro pupils of Virginia, 80 per cent of whom are in rural schools.

Where Weakness Exists.

The alliance was shown that weakness exists in any state which induces a one-sided development by imposing artificial conditions, such as over-emphasizing any single pursuit.

During the month of March Mr. Thomas, Carver made three visits to the State to make themselves and their people valuable an asset to Virginia, that they may be asked rather than neglected.

Some Other Things Urged.

It was urged that better schools and longer terms for their children, more was in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Carver reports that each of these conferences was largely attended by the more diversified crops, greater co-operation, and a better comprehension of the spirit and trend of both, who are more convinced than ever of the necessity of doing away with the one-crop idea and of diversifying their crops. All were anxious for improvement of life, the wise use and responsibility of liberty and a clear idea of the attainment of happiness through service.

The general topic, "Making Money Out of the Farm," was discussed by a representative of the Southern railway, and general industrial conditions of the state were outlined from special reports on natural resources as exhibited in governmental and railroad publications.

Frankfort, Ky., July 30.—Gov. McCreary Thursday appointed the following delegates to represent Kentucky at the National Congress of Negro Farmers and Rural Teachers at San Francisco, August 26 to 29: Solo-

NEWS SCIMITAR SPECIAL.  
SHELBY, Miss., April 30.—Representative negro men and women from every section of Mississippi have closed a two-day session here of the Negro Farmers and Rural Teachers at first annual meeting of the Negro Farmers' conference of the Industrial and Agricultural College for Negroes. One of the features of the session was a parade starting at the college building and passing over the streets of Shelby.

Rev. J. M. Williamson, head of the college, was elected president of the conference. Rev. Dr. W. H. Braxton delivered an address on scientific farming. Dr. A. A. Cosey, of Mound Bayou, spoke in favor of diversified crops, better living conditions, and general welfare of the race.

"How to Raise Hogs and Vegetables" was the subject of an address by Prof. H. K. Polk, horticulturist, graduate of Tuskegee Institute.

Chronicle  
Houston, Tex.

JUN 10 1915  
CALL ISSUED TO  
NEGRO FARMERS

Special to The Chronicle.

Prairie View, Texas, June 10.—Prof. E. L. Blackshear, president of the State Colored Farmers' Congress, has issued the following call addressed to the colored farmers of Texas:

You have doubtless seen the various notices in the papers asking that the colored farmers of each county get together and organize, and then elect delegates to the state meeting to be held at Prairie View College, July 28 to 30.

I am writing to urge that even in case you do not find it possible to get the farmers of your county organized in time for the state meeting you would see to it that your community is represented at the state meeting.

Matters of great import to the negro will be discussed by prominent and competent speakers. The extension work idea among negroes will be discussed by Hon. Clarence Ousley, director of Extension. Low railroad rates have been secured on all roads. We are expecting the best meeting in the history of the organization.

Let the leading farmers of each lo-

cality, who are interested in the improvement of farm life among negroes, see that a good delegation is sent to the state meeting at Prairie View, July 28 to 30.

LINCOLN, NEB.

JULY 15 1915  
NAMES CONVENTION DELEGATES

Governor Makes Appointments for Negro Educational Congress.

The negro national educational congress to be held at Chicago, August 16 to 21, is the last congress to receive the attention of Governor Morehead's official delegate appointer.

The following delegates have been appointed from Nebraska, each delegate having the privilege of paying his own expenses: Samuel Shelton, Alliance; George Curtis, Alliance; Paul Moore, Lincoln; Major I. B. Smith, Lincoln; James Cornell, Lincoln; A. Hamer, Grand Island; Arthur Gary, Grand Island; James Shores, Broken Bow; Albert Marks, Broken Bow; William Rone, Broken Bow; Harry Smith, Hastings; Nelson Briley, Hastings; R. E. Harper, Beatrice; George H. Burton, Dorchester; Mrs. I. B. Smith, Lincoln; Rev. John Williams, Omaha; Rev. W. F. Botts, Omaha; Rev. L. E. Britt, Omaha; Maynard L. Wilson, Omaha; Silas Robbins, Omaha; Amos P. Scruggs, Omaha; Mrs. Alphonse Wilson, Omaha; Miss Madrid Penn, Omaha; Mrs. James Jewell, Omaha.

SAKAMONTO CAL.

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MAR 23 1915  
FIFTY NEGRO TEACHERS  
TO BE NAMED DELEGATES

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Edward Hyatt has been asked by E. L. Blackshear, principal of the Prairie View state normal and industrial college, to name fifty California rural negro teachers as delegates to the biennial national negro farmers' congress to be held in San Francisco on July 15, 16 and 17. Hyatt will make selections immediately.

"This meeting is in commemoration of the progress of negro farmers in their fifty years of emancipation," writes Blackshear. "The object of holding this meeting in San Francisco is that the nations of the earth who will assemble at the exposition may be able to see something of the progress made by the negroes of the United States from 1865 to 1915, a half a century of freedom."

Waterbury, Conn.

DELEGATES ARE  
NAMED BY GOVERNOR

To National Negro Farmers' Congress to Be Held in San Francisco.

Governor Rye has named the following delegates to the National Negro Farmers' Congress to be held at San Francisco on July 15 to 17:

Preston Taylor, Nashville; Peter Vertriest, Gallatin; W. D. Greer, Carthage; J. E. Mitchell, Hartsville; Charley Bates, Castalian Springs; A. D. Adams, Dixon Springs; William Wilson, Johnson City; G. W. Hampton, Paris; Edward Buford, Pulaski; Dr. J. P. Crawford, Nashville; J. C. Napier, Nashville; John Works, Nashville; R. H. Boyd, Nashville; W. M. Haynes, Nashville; Anthony Marshall, Hartsville; T. Clay Moore, Nashville; E. B. Jefferson, Nashville; A. M. Townsend, Nashville; B. J. Carr, Nashville; Prof. Wm. J. Cansler, Knoxville; W. R. Snipes, Memphis; Fred H. Lester, Memphis; Alexander E. Hayes, Bristol; P. A. Grisby, Memphis; James Graves, Knoxville; W. T. James, Chattanooga; S. L. Harrington, Bristol; Wm. H. Johnson, Clarksville; Dr. G. Z. Herden, Murfreesboro; R. G. Pittman, Jellico; W. H. Battle, Harriman; J. A. Boyd, Rockwood; J. P. Phillips, Martin; C. J. Small, Chattanooga; H. D. Alexander, Chattanooga; N. R. Kimbrough, Clarksville; F. C. Carney, Murfreesboro; Dr. Chas. A. Kelly, Clarksville; R. J. Olden, Greeneville; Prof. H. D. Griffin, Jonesboro; O. W. Williams, Memphis; C. E. Chandler, Knoxville; Prof. J. H. Kelly, Columbia; Rev. A. N. C. Williams, Franklin; H. C. Swayne, Paris; W. H. Orea, Paris; B. H. Morrell, Pulaski; W. A. Webber, Morristown; Dr. J. F. Williams, Paris;

Houston, Tex.  
News.

JULY 24 1915  
0 FARM CONGRESS OPENS

Delegates Assemble at Prairie View to Discuss Agriculture From Standpoint of Colored Race.

Special to The News.

Prairie View, Tex., July 28.—The eighth annual session of the Texas State Negro Farmers' Congress, which meets at Prairie View normal each year, opened this morning. Professor C. H. Waller, head of the department of agriculture, presided. About thirty delegates—representatives from various sections of the state, were at the opening session.

REPUBLICAN

AUG 26 1915

**CONGRESS OF NEGRO FARMERS.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 25.—With delegates present from many states a national congress of negro farmers and rural teachers will assemble here tomorrow for a four-day session.

MEMPHIS COMM. APPEAL

MAY 4 1915

## NEGRO FARMERS CONFER.

SHELBY, Miss., April 30.—The first annual session of the Negro Farmers' Conference of the Industrial Agricultural College for Negroes began a two days' meeting here Friday at 2 o'clock p.m. The parade was spectacular and was viewed by hundreds of people along its route.

Following the parade the meeting went into organization, electing Rev J. M. Williamson, the president of the college, as president of the conference. Rev. Williamson delivered an address thanking the body for honors conferred upon him, etc.

On the platform were some of the most prominent colored men and women of the state, and a fair sprinkling of some of the best white people of the city.

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### Negroes Organize for Farming.

New Iberia, La., Nov. 3.—The first permanent organization of the negro farmers of this parish was effected last week when farmers from the extreme interior of the parish met at the St. Odile Church. More than 300 men and their wives met 20 nights of organized Iberia Particular, when Co-operative Farm leases were obliged to Burr, working "lodgings and for a

ment of Agricultural services looking for work.

1914 brought a

loss in the death of our

end, Miss Grace H. Dodge,

abiding faith in our work

substantial support in money, have been invaluable in almost all the corporate existence of the Association. No way has yet been found to fill her place in financing the work of the Home. Budget for 1915 on the most economical estimate is \$2,500. Our estimated resources for the year are \$1,500. deficit for the year, particularly lessing for the summer months, \$1,000."

J. E. Tobias, secretary of the committee which is striving to help the White Rose Home states that much interest is being manifested in the picture to be given August 26. Tickets may be had from the White Rose Home, 217 East 86th street, or the secretary, 108 West 30th street. Telephone Madison 4773.

### POSITION EXHIBITS

#### RETURNED TO OWNERS

The New York Commissioners for the International Exposition recently held at Richmond, Va., of which Henry A. C. Albany was chairman and

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